

## *Constitution of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)*

### **Article I:**

#### **Name**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Section 2: The organization is affiliated with the national FCA as a local chapter

### **Article II:**

#### **Object or Purpose**

Section 1: The purpose of this organization is to present to athletes, coaches, students, and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. – The FCA Mission (<http://fca.org/about/mission-and-vision/>)

Section 2: Eastern Oregon University's FCA will hold weekly meetings that include devotional, prayer groups, worship, and occasionally an active game. In addition, we will hold weekend activities to encourage fellowship.

### **Article III:**

#### **Membership**

Section 1: Membership in this organization is open to all Eastern Oregon University students, faculty and staff. Members do not have to be part of a sports team to be involved.

Section 2: Membership of this organization will be established by open invitation and by consistently attending the scheduled meeting times.

Section 3: After attending four meetings in a term, one will be considered a member of FCA. A member must attend at least five meetings before the election's third term to remain a member.

Section 4: Dues are not required for membership

Section 5: Decisions made affecting membership are made without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, veteran status, status with regard to public assistance, or other categories protected by federal, state, or local anti-discrimination laws.

#### **Article IV:**

##### **Officers**

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and worship leadership team.

Section 2: The duties of the president are to officially represent FCA to the college and community; call and preside over meetings; coordinate the fellowship program for meetings, including the devotional, and coordinate trips and special events. The duty of the vice president is to fulfill presidential duties in the absence of the president and record attendance at weekly meetings. The duty of the secretary is to coordinate all correspondence between the organization's members and officers. The duty of the treasurer is to manage the finances of the organization. The duty of the worship leader(s) is to coordinate the fellowship program for meetings, including music.

Section 3: Officers must be students of Eastern Oregon University and must be in good academic and judicial standing at the time of their election and remain in good standing during their tenure in office, which will be checked/monitored by the advisor.

Section 4: What we expect of a leader:

### **The FCA Values**

Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence.

#### **Integrity**

We will demonstrate Christ-like wholeness, privately and publicly. (Proverbs 11:3)

#### **Serving**

We will model Jesus' example of serving. (John 13:1-17)

#### **Teamwork**

We will express our unity in Christ in all our relationships. (Philippians 2:1-4)

#### **Excellence**

We will honor and glorify God in all we do. (Colossians 3:23-24)

In addition to the FCA Values, we expect the following:

#### **Biblical**

We will possess a deep understanding of what the Bible says in order to lead the group in a biblical manner. (Titus 1:9)

#### **Demonstrative**

We will grow in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

### **Article V:**

#### **Officer Selection**

Section 1: Nominations

Nominations will take place on a designated FCA meeting night during the third term of the Spring term.

A person can nominate themselves or others prior to the vote.

Nominations can be placed for any of the following office positions: president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. An individual can be nominated for multiple office positions.

## Section 2: Voting

Voting will take place during the next scheduled FCA meeting following the week of nominations.

Members present will vote for one nominee in each of the officer positions. If someone would like to vote but cannot be present that evening, they may arrange an alternate voting time with the advisor.

Votes will be counted by the advisor right after the voting takes place and be announced the night of the voting.

If a person is elected to two (2) or more positions, they will be allowed to choose which office they would like to accept. The person with the second-highest votes will take the open office position.

## Section 3: Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by the process listed above; nominations will be held at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, then voting the week after nominations.

## Section 4: Removal of an Officer

Any officer who has failed to fulfill his/her responsibilities, as an officer and biblical leader, may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership at a special meeting or next regular meeting. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the advisor within one week of the vote. The final authority lies with the advisor.

## **Article VI:**

### **Meetings**

Section 1: Meetings will be held each week that classes are in session

Section 2: The president may call special meetings. All members must be notified at least 24 hours prior to convening the meeting.

Section 3: Fifty-one percent or more of the membership is necessary to constitute a quorum.

**Article VII:**

**Executive Board (N/A)**

**Article VIII:**

**Committees (See Section 1 of Article V)**

**Article IX:**

**Finances**

Section 1: The source of funds for this organization will be through Student Forum allocations, donations, and fundraising (when necessary).

Section 2: Funds shall be expended upon the authorization of the officers.

## **Article XI:**

### **Reading of the Constitution**

Section 1: The constitution will be read to current and new members at the first meeting of the academic year and will be available for members to read at any time.

Section 2: The constitution will be distributed to members upon request.

## **Article XII:**

### **Faculty/Staff Advisors**

Section 1: The current officers shall select an advisor. This advisor must be a full-time faculty or administration member.

Section 2: The duties of the advisor are to sign financial forms in compliance with the current EOU policy, manage the club from afar, attend meetings upon their liking, and be available for communication between the officers.

## **Article XIII:**

### **Method of Amending**

Section 1: This constitution may be amended at a regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of all active members. The proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to all members of the organization at least seven (7) days before being voted upon. No constitution or by-laws should be amended by less than a 2/3 vote.